

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1(currently amended): A supporting plate for supporting substrates, comprising:

a main body having a plurality of wing panels extending from the main body and two through grooves in a back side of the main body;

two stiff shafts being received in the two through grooves, wherein each wing panel comprises a plurality of protrusions extending from a free side of each wing panel, and each of the wing panels ~~[[slope]]~~ slopes down from a root towards a free end thereof.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The supporting plate as described in claim 1, wherein the wing panels are spaced apart from one another a predetermined distance by a space interval.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The supporting plate as described in claim 2, wherein each space interval defines a hole through the main body.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The supporting plate as described in claim 1, wherein the main body defines a plurality of holding members for holding the stiff shafts in the through grooves.

Claim 5 (original): The supporting plate as described in claim 1, wherein the through grooves are formed perpendicular to the wing panels.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The supporting plate as described in claim 1, wherein the stiff shafts are made of metal.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The supporting plate as described in claim 1, wherein the stiff shafts define threaded holes in opposite ends thereof.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A cassette for accommodating a plurality of substrates in mutual isolation, comprising:

a pair of frames, and a pair of supporting plates fixed to the frames, the pair of supporting plates facing each other, each supporting plate comprising:

a main body having a plurality of wing panels extending from an inward facing side of the main body and at least two through grooves in a back side of the main body;

two stiff shafts being received in the two through grooves;

wherein each wing panel comprises a plurality of protrusions extending from a free side of each wing panel, and each of the wing panels [[slope]] slopes down from a root towards a free end thereof.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The cassette as described in claim 8, wherein the wing panels are spaced apart from one another a predetermined distance by a space interval.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The cassette as described in claim 9, wherein each space interval defines at least a hole through the main body.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The cassette as described in claim 8, wherein the main body defines a plurality of holding member for holding the stiff shafts in the through grooves.

Claim 12 (original): The cassette as described in claim 8, wherein the through grooves are formed perpendicular to the wing panels.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The cassette as described in claim 8, wherein the stiff shafts are made of metal.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The cassette as described in claim 8, wherein the stiff shafts define threaded holes in opposite ends thereof.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The cassette as described in claim 8, wherein the stiff shafts form a coupling end and defines a threaded hole in each end.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The cassette as described in claim 15, wherein the frames define recesses for receiving the coupling ends of the stiff shafts, and each recess defines a through hole through the frames.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A cassette for supporting substrates, comprising:

a pair of frames, and

a pair of supporting plates fixed to the frames,

wherein the pair of supporting plates face each other, and each supporting plate defines a plurality of wing panels on an inward facing side, each wing panel comprises a plurality of protrusions extending from a free side of each wing panel, and each of the wing panels ~~[[slope]]~~ slopes down from a root towards a free end thereof.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The cassette as described in claim 17, wherein the wing panels are spaced apart from one another a predetermined distance by a space interval.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The cassette as described in claim 18, wherein each space interval defines a hole through the supporting plates.